December 31, 1920

Judge Ewing C. Bland,

Kansas City Court of Appeals,

Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Ewing: -

Replying to your letter of recent date will say that I do not think it important for Mr. Madden to get the support of Pendergast if he can get the support of Reed. If Judge Bulger can get Reed's support for him, Pendergast's assistance would not be necessary. I should get the endorsement of Gov. Gardner, Atkinson, Brekenridge Long and Folk.

I have not attempted to bring out another candidate and will not do so as long as Mr. Madden is actively at work. However, he should push this matter energetically.

I inclose herewith a letter from Ewing Laporte which shows something of the duties of the position which he holds now.

I was very glad to get your Christmas card. I did not send out any myself this year. Wishing you a happy New Year, I am

Yours truly,